

Public Service Commission
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Re: SCE&G Proposed Rate Increase

To Whom It May Concern:

The SCE&G proposed rate increase is absolutely outrageous.

I am a widow and soon to be 88-years old. I live alone and very simply and do everything that I know to do to conserve energy. I grew up during the depression and live conservatively in every part of my life. I turn out lights when not in use. I cook sparingly and although I have a clothes dryer I always hang my laundry on a clothesline. My home is heated with gas and my thermostat is set on 68° as recommended by SCE&G. My HVAC is an energy efficient Goodman system that was installed in 2006. The system is checked at each season by a certified HVAC technician. My brick veneer home is less than 1,000 square feet with storm windows and storm doors. With the help of family, every part of my home is very well maintained. I also supplement the gas heat with an Amish space heater. What more can I do?

My latest gas bills that simply don't make sense:

Statement Date	Electric	Gas	Average Temp	Days in Billing Period
01/07/09	51.37	167.82	49°	33 days
02/04/10	49.87	176.72	45°	28 days
03/08/10	46.87	185.90	46°	31 days

SCE&G has its customers in a strangle hold. They can spew all the rhetoric imaginable about being at the mercy of the federal government and its regulations but the bottom line is that they have no incentive whatsoever to control costs. SCE&G needs to be held accountable. With the advances in technology today, there is no reason whatsoever to raise rates now or ever again.

We have no choice and this cannot continue. Give us a choice. It is my hope that my plea, and that of thousands of other seniors, does not fall on deaf ears.

Sincerely,

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